

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: : Minoru TATENO, et al.
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For: : REDUNDANT CHANGEOVER APPARATUS
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

5.(Amended) The redundant changeover apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the input signals comprise working input signals and protection input signals from a wavelength division multiplexing device forming a ring network.

6. (Amended) The redundant changeover apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the input signals comprise working input signals and protection input signals from an arbitrary transmission device of a client.